

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A powdery/granular external preparation for wounds for use in treatment and procedure of skin damages characterized in comprising a water-soluble polymer of 2 mass% or more ("mass%" is referred to as "%" unless otherwise specifically mentioned) and a crosslinking agent of from 0.01% to 20%, and the water-soluble polymer is in uncross-linked state.

2. (Original) The preparation according to Claim 1, wherein the content of the water-soluble polymer is 5% or more.

3. (Currently amended) The preparation according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the water-soluble polymer has acidic group in its structure.

4. (Original) The preparation according to Claim 3, wherein the acidic group is carboxylic group or sulfonic acid group.

5. (Currently amended) The preparation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1, wherein the crosslinking agent is polyvalent metal salt.

6. (Currently amended) The preparation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the water-soluble polymer is sodium polyacrylate.

7. (Currently amended) The preparation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein the crosslinking agent is aluminum-containing crosslinking agent.

8. (Currently amended) The preparation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1, further comprising a bactericidal agent of from 0.1% to 10%.

9. (Original) The preparation according to Claim 8, wherein the bactericidal agent is iodine-based bactericidal agent.

10. (Currently amended) The preparation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 9~~ Claim 1, further comprising sugars of from 5% to 70%.

11. (Currently amended) The preparation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 10~~ Claim 1, wherein the moisture content of the preparation is 3% or less.

12. (Currently amended) An ointment external preparation for wounds characterized in containing the preparation of ~~any one of Claims 1 to 11~~ Claim 1 and a fluidization agent.

13. (Original) The preparation according to Claim 12, wherein the fluidization agent is macrogol.